

## Agriculture Remains Montana's Number One Industry in 2015

A comparison of selected Montana industries shows Agriculture continues to outpace all other industry sectors, although all sectors saw decreased activity. The 2015 value of crop production decreased to \$1.8 billion, a decrease of \$403.0 million or 18 percent below 2014. The value of livestock decreased in 2015 to \$2.2 billion, down \$15.6 million from 2014.

When comparing major industrial sectors in Montana, receipts were down compared to a year ago. Agriculture showed an 8 percent decrease, down \$391.1 million from 2014. Mining showed a 17 percent decrease, down \$265.4 million from the previous year. Gas & Oil showed a decrease of 53 percent, down \$1,390.3 million from 2014. Non-residential Travel showed an increase of 2 percent in 2015, down \$532.2 million from 2014. Wood and Paper Products also saw a decrease from 2014, and was down 4 percent or \$24 million.

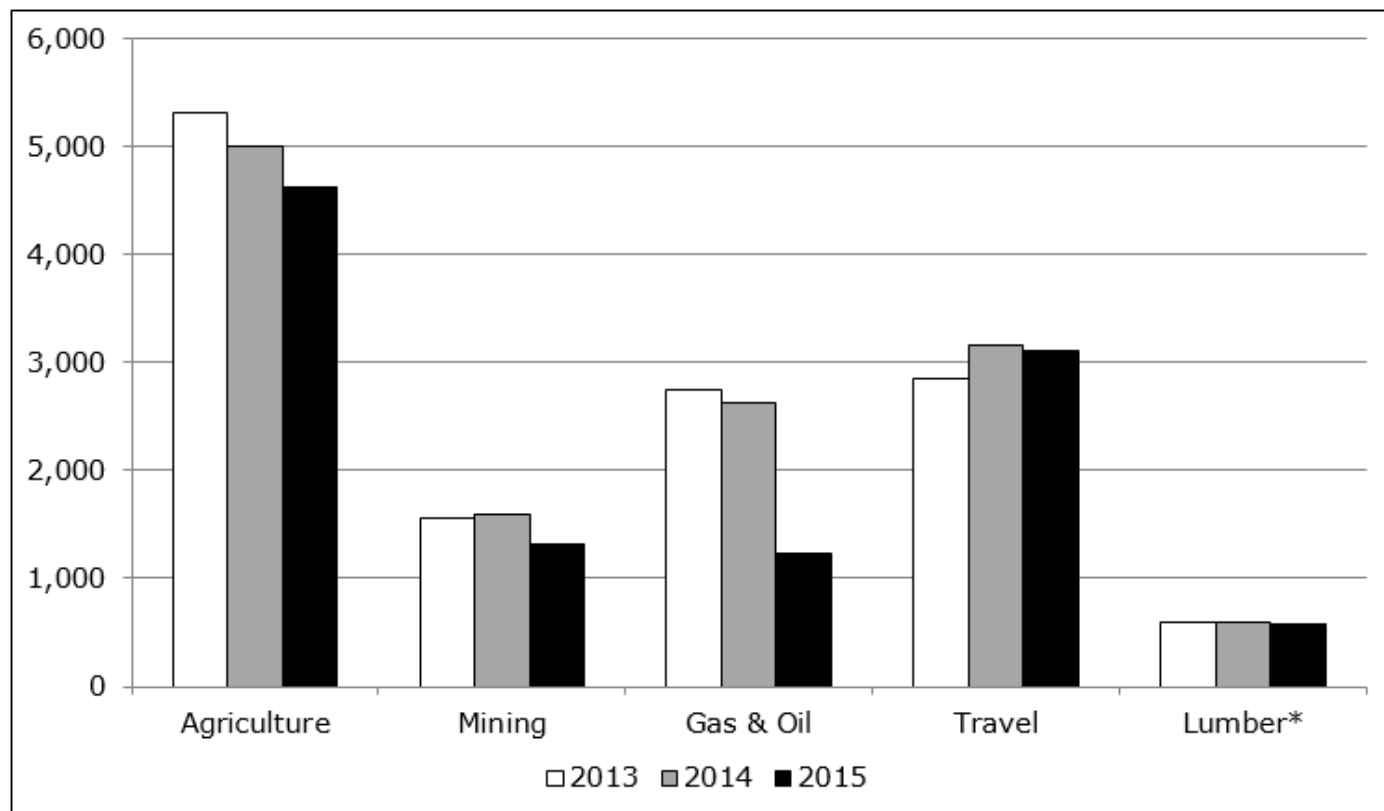
### Selected Montana Industries Comparison

Industry	2013	2014	2015 5/	2015/2014
	Million Dollars			Percent
Agriculture 1/	5,319.0	5,009.2	4,618.1	92
Mining 2/	1,555.4	1,588.0	1,322.6	83
Gas & Oil 2/	2,743.2	2,629.5	1,239.2	47
Travel 3/	2,848.4	3,153.3	3,100.1	98
Wood & Paper Products 4/	592.0	601.0	577.0	96

1/ Value of agricultural sector production plus net government transactions. 2/ Gross value, Montana Department of Revenue. 3/ Non-resident Direct Economic Impact, Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research, The University of Montana. 4/ Bureau of Business and Economic Research, The University of Montana. 5/ 2014 preliminary.

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\* Wood & Paper Products